

FLASHES FROM THE SPORT LAMP

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TO POOL STAR PLAYERS IF STRIKE IS DECLARED

Magnates Plan to Use Minor Leaguers And Collegians to Fill Gaps.

New York, Jan. 20.—While no official action has been taken by organized baseball in its dispute with the fraternity other than to deny the fraternity further recognition, a plan already is under way to break the baseball strike provided the players still persist in their refusal to sign contracts when the season opens.

The plan is to pool the signed big league players who are under contract, thus equalizing the strength of the teams, and then fill them out with the best minor league, semi-professional and college players available.

The leagues would then make an appeal to the public and ask for support on the ground that the strike was not of their making, that they treated the players well and that they were unable to arbitrate when the major league players admit themselves they have no grievance.

That means that the strike finally will come down to the fan and the answer may rest with him. Fultz recognized in advance such a plan would be followed and immediately took steps to become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. With

the backing of organized labor the fraternity head felt he could counteract the owners' plea to the public for support in a fight against an unjust, senseless strike.

When the strike threat was first launched President Tener of the National league said, "I will admit we will not be able to open up if our fraternity players do not sign." According to Fultz 55 of the National league men are members of the union. Tener now says, "Ambitious young ball players may have one of the grandest opportunities they ever had before the summer is over," which would show how his thought has changed.

Owing to the fact that the leading players in the game were offered long term contracts in the winter when peace was made with the Feds most of the stars have holdover contracts, among them being Cobb, Speaker, Collins, Baker, Slater, Jackson, McInnis, Peckinpaugh, Crawford, Lee, Magee, Kauff, Sallee, Zimmerman, Rariden, Herzog, Caldwell, Fisher, Nunamaker, Shotton, Daubert, McCarty, Gilhooly, Malzel and some others. It is now the plan to build around these men.

DETROIT CLUB AFTER BUSH OF ATHLETICS NOW

New York, Jan. 20.—Hughie Jennings is figuring strongly on the good end of the old adage that "it is an ill wind which blows nobody good." Hughie has high hopes just now of profiting on the recent row between Connie Mack and a couple of his star performers for the Athletics during the past few seasons. Jennings is doing his best to land "Bullet Joe" Bush for his Tiger pitching staff.

Something like a year ago Jennings tried to lure Bush from the Mackian fold, but without success. Now, however, Mack appears sure of disposing of the speed artist, and if suitable terms can be arranged Bush will likely wear a Detroit uniform next season. All of which will come as welcome news to other pennant aspirants—not.

With Bush in shape Jennings will be in a position to make a stronger fight for the flag than he has for several seasons. Since first the Tigers lost their pennant stride seven seasons ago pitchers have been the bane of Jennings' hopes. Bush will come about as near to filling the bill as first class hurler as Jennings could lay his finger on.

HOYT, HARTFORD PITCHER, AWARDED TO JOHN MCGRAW

New York, Jan. 20.—Waite C. Hoyt, the 17-year-old pitcher, for whom the Giants and the Hartford club have been battling, was yesterday awarded to the local National league team. The national commission handed down this decision, declaring a contract signed by the youngster with Hartford to be void.

According to the finding of Messrs. Johnson, Tener and Herrmann, Hoyt is a minor and the contract signed with the Giants was sanctioned by his father, while the Hartford contract was repudiated by the pater.

Young Mr. Hoyt signed with Manager McGraw in August, 1915. He was 15 at the time. He had made a great record in the schoolboy ranks of New York, pitching the Erasmus High school team to many victories.

In the fall of 1915 and the spring of 1916 Hoyt was schooled by McGraw, who used him a lot in pitching to the Giant regulars during batting practice. Last May Hoyt was sent to Lebanon, in the Pennsylvania State league. He pitched four games, winning three. The game he lost went 19 innings.

The league soon blew up and Hoyt went to Hartford. Later Hartford sent him to Lynn.

YALE FIVE WINS FROM COLUMBIA

New York, Jan. 20.—Yale university's basketball team last night encountered Columbia on Morningside Heights and won a gruelling contest, 33 to 27. Charley Taft, Yale's captain, was the only Ell who failed to score a basket. He played a defensive guard position. O. R. Kinney, Yale's left forward, played brilliantly, scoring 9 field goals and 5 tosses from the foul line.

Columbia led during the first ten minutes, largely through Farer's work, but four successive field goals by Kinney shifted the balance. In the second half the Blue and White made a spirited bid for victory, reaching within one point of Yale's total. Just before the game ended, however, the elusive Kinney again broke loose and shot two baskets and a foul, increasing Yale's lead to six points.

The exports of copper for the week ended Jan. 18, were 10,246 tons.

MIKE HEALEY TO MANAGE ALLEYS FOR CONNIE LEWIS

Mike Healey, who recently retired as manager of the Bridgeport baseball club, has been engaged to act as manager of Connie Lewis' Fairfield alley bowling team. Healey will assume his new duties next week. The announcement will be a surprise to some who thought Healey would stick to the manufacturing business but it is said he found Lewis' offer too flattering to resist.

Healey has a wide acquaintance among the sporting enthusiasts of the city. This should make him a valuable man in his new position and his business ability will also count in his favor. Although the Chain Co. football team did nothing wonderful on the field last season, Healey made a financial success of the venture. He will have the glad hand all ready for customers in his new job.

TOUR OF RED SOX AND BROOKLYN NOT PLEASING TO HUB

The Boston Red Sox, instead of training at Hot Springs and then coming straight home to mother, will train at the Hot Springs and then sail for Europe. The Sox are going to the Hot Springs, in company with the Brooklyn Dodgers, writes Francis Eaton, in the Boston Journal. And remember that one game with the Pittsburgh Pirates at the Springs and seven exhibitions on the way home was the outside limit for the Carriagans last year.

The Red Sox, while they cannot hope to rival the Braves as travelers and explorers, will, if Ebbetts' views prevail, visit the Delta of the Mississippi, where the sad-eyed pelican flaps her wings. They will cross the old trails of the Choctaws and the creeks to the cyclone country and the steep streets of Kansas City. They will visit, also, far-famed Peoria, home of the mosquito and of the malarial miasma, but important from the P. D. Armour standpoint, and also as the birthplace of Harry H. Frazee.

The excuse is that there's millions in it; also that everybody's doing it. Both of which statements may be true. Then again, Harry Frazee says that there isn't very much nourishment in playing preliminary games with minor league clubs. We don't see how he gets around this objection by taking on Brooklyn, but that's a matter for him to decide, after all.

A short training trip was the great experiment of 1916, and to play as many interleague contests as possible in as many cities as possible seems to be the providential idea in 1917. The Red Sox are yielding to it with far better excuse and with far better prospects of getting value in return than most of the clubs. But we don't know, somehow or other it doesn't taste good to have our World's Series thus smeared all over the bush. It takes the edge off what we would like to think of as something out of the ordinary.

Terry Is Amateur Billiard Champion

New York, Jan. 20.—Clyde B. Terry, the amateur of Brooklyn, won the national class C 18.2 ball line championship title last night. He regained the honors which he has held three times by defeating George Spear by 200 points to 131 in the final round of the tournament at Maurice Daly's Academy. Terry came through the series, which began with 12 contestants, undefeated. Julian Rice takes second prize. Terry finished his string with an average of 420-45 and high runs of 26, 24 and 16. Spear's top run was 37.

William F. Tyrrell of Plainfield, N. J., was sentenced to two months' imprisonment following a plea of guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

SKIERS ARE NOW HAVING THEIR INNINGS IN THE MIDDLE WEST



Duluth, Minn.—The skiing season is now on in full blast in this section of the country. In many cities in the middle west numerous big tournaments have been held and more are to come.

All the eyes have had large entry lists, and some spirited contests were in order. During the past ten years the fascinating Norwegian sport has grown wonderfully in the middle west, and right now there are thousands who look forward every season for the weather man to send snow so they may indulge in their favorite pastime.

There is nothing more fascinating than to see a skier glide down the white surface from a couple of hundred feet above and then go high in the air and land a hundred feet or more away in the soft snow. Layout shows three

scenes at a recent tourney held in this section. No. 1 shows a skier turning a somersault in the air; 2, a skier

ready to don his long wooden blades; 3 a skier gliding about to land in the snow.

YALE ALUMNI HONOR WINNING FOOTBALL TEAM

New York, Jan. 20.—The greatest gathering of Yale "Y" men ever assembled was at the Yale Club last night to form the new "Y" club. It is to be built at New Haven and its membership will include all athletes who have made their letter in any branch of college sport. The idea for the club was submitted to the Yale men at the late supper which followed their big theatre party at the Century last night. Not only were athletes of the past and present at the celebration, but also Yale men to the number of nearly 2,000. The formation of the new "Varsity Club" was placed in the hands of a committee, and its formation will be effected in a short time.

The big celebration for Cupid Black's football eleven, which won both Princeton and Harvard last fall, began late in the afternoon, and was still going on when the milkmen were making their rounds this morning. First there was a reception which was attended by every former Yale athlete who ever heard of. The old fellows looked arms with the present generation and barked out cheer after cheer for Captain Black's band.

Not only did Captain Black come in for attention, but also this year's captain, Art Gates; Tad Jones, the head coach; Johnny Mack, the trainer, and the faithful drudges, the scrubs. All got their share of the reception. In this huge Yale party were also Cord Meyer, the crew captain, and Johnny Overton, captain of the track team. The dinner which followed the reception was given to the team by all the other men who made their "Y" at New Haven.

The athletes did not tarry very long over their dinner, for at 8:30 they swooped down upon the Century theatre in the largest fleet of taxis ever gathered on Vanderbilt Avenue. After the show the revelers went back to the Yale Club, where there was another reception and supper.

BULLARD SOCIETY ELECTS.

The Mutual Aid Association of the Bullard Machine Tool Co., elected officers last night as follows: E. C. Stutz, president; W. E. Judge, vice president; M. S. Dacan, secretary; R. Andrus, treasurer. G. A. Olson, A. Ketcham and F. Angell were elected members at large. S. Swanson was named trustee. Reports showed a membership of 241 and \$1,631 balance in the treasury.

What a Difference A Few Years Make

The difference between the money mad boxer of the present day and the old timer who fought for the love of the sport has caused a New York writer to burst into the following verse:

THE CHAMP.
What, you want me to fight
For ten thousand a night?
Oh, gee!
Not me!
You must think I'm a gink
To go scrap for such chink!
Oh, no!
If I fight, I'll be bound
I must get that per pound!
That's straight,
Old skate!
So dig up if you like,
For I don't have to pike.
I'm champ,
You scamp!

THE EX-CHAMP.
Say, old pal, can't you patch
Up some kind of a match?
Say, now,
Somehow?
Just you say where and when
And I'll scrap for a ten.
That's right!
Be white!
What, you won't? Then a V
Won't you please slip to me?
I'm broke—
No joke!
For the sake of old times,
Then slip me couple dimes,
All right!
Good night!

Carey and Fischer About Only Holdouts In Ranks of Pirates

Few holdouts are anticipated among the Pirates for the coming season, regardless of the slashing of salaries, which will be a feature of the new contracts. The writer is of the opinion that in case of there being players who will not come to terms the holdout mantle will fall on the shoulders of Scoops Carey and Bill Fischer, writes Charles J. Doyle in the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Carey, whose contract expired with the close of last season, received at least \$5,000 a year. Carey was paid this amount partly on account of playing merit and partly because the Federal League was in existence. We do not know whether Dreyfuss has forced a cut on the fleet gardener, but from his general remarks we gather that the reduction has been insisted. Bill Fischer got only a few pay slips from Mr. Dreyfuss, but, scarce as these were, it was a simple problem in mathematics to figure that Fischer was receiving \$6,000 for each season's work. The Feds gave Bill a three-year contract for that amount, and the Cubs assumed the obligation on Bill's transfer to the Chicago team. Fischer came to Pittsburgh with Frank Schulte in exchange for Art Wilson. Mr. Dreyfuss says he does not expect to have any trouble in getting Fischer's name on a contract.

Prof. A. E. Kennelly, of Harvard University, appeared before the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries in opposition to the Alexander bill for government regulating of radio stations.

DARCY LOSING POPULARITY BY DECLINING BOUTS

New York, Jan. 20.—If James Lester Darcy, the pugilist who took the "underground" from Australia, does not immediately accept some of the flattering offers shoved his way, he will wind up fighting for jitneys instead of dollars. This is the unanimous decision of the few brave promoters who chased Darcy over his vedeville circuit endeavoring to get the Antipodean to sign up for a battle.

These persistent chasers offered Darcy everything, including the moon, to scrap, but he always demanded unreasonable terms. The persistent refusals of Darcy are getting under the skin of the promoters, and if he doesn't say something right away they are going to leave him flat. They figure, and figure properly, that the longer Darcy prances before the flickering footlights the less he will be worth as a fighting card.

What seems to be the trouble with Darcy is that somebody handed him the wrong steer as he sailed up the bay. Before the visitor shook off of sea legs he saw visions of one hundred thousand dollar bills. Naturally when he was offered such paltry sums as fifteen thousand bones he declined with scorn. That he's not as popular as he imagines is evident on his vaudeville jaunt, where he barely is drawing expenses.

Before Darcy started for this country he wrote Jack Kearns, asking the latter to secure him three good matches, for which he would be delighted to collect \$30,000. Now he wants nearly that sum for each match.

There is not the slightest doubt that the promoter who handed up a price of \$25,000 for Darcy and Al McCoy would be taking a Long Island chance. Albertus is not such a drawing card, and the boys would not kick in with real dough to see Darcy battling him. When Darcy wakes up and gets ready to attach his signature to a set of articles he is going to discover that the big sums mentioned were only bait. As the days roll by the lack of interest in James Lester grows, and consequently the offers of the promoters will simmer down until they hit the ground of common sense. Or if James waits for better propositions he is surely going to be right up against it.

Arrange Dates For Trap Shooters' Meets

The following dates for tournaments have been agreed upon by the Connecticut Trap Shooters' association: Stratford, April 6; Bridgeport, April 28; Norwalk, state tournament, May 25 and 26; Hartford, Eastern Handicap, June 19, 20, 21 and 22; Danbury, July 21; New Haven, Aug. 11.

The officers for the coming season are: President, W. R. Newsome, of Hartford; vice president, F. J. Ham, Jr., of Norwalk; secretary-treasurer, F. O. Bodwell, of Hartford.

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Hitting The High Spots

FANS SOUR ON DARCY.

The fickleness of fame was never better illustrated than in the case of Les Darcy. When the Australian landed on these shores after his spectacular flight from his native land he was a hero. Reporters, camera men and promoters rushed to greet him and with all this valuable publicity he received his name became a household word.

But as Darcy continued to ignore challenges and went on a barnstorming theatrical tour the fans began to lose their admiration for him. They are wondering now why he doesn't fight somebody. Although managers have camped on his trail and offered him big purses he won't agree to accept what are generally regarded as reasonable offers. It takes only a short time to knock a hero from his pedestal.

MIRACLE MAN JONES.

At the celebration given by the Yale club in New York last night in honor of the Yale football eleven, Coach Tad Jones was called a miracle man. It is hoped this name won't prove a hoodoo for him. The name was invented for George Stangas when he piloted the Braves to a pennant in 1914 and he hasn't repeated since. In 1915 Pat Moran, the Phillies' manager, was called the miracle man, and he fell by the wayside in 1916. Will Jones be able to shake off the jinx?

The Knickerbockers have been making a tour of Pennsylvania playing Penn State clubs and are in great condition to give local basketball fans a lively evening when they come here next Tuesday night to play the Blue Ribbons at Colonial hall.

What's the use of Ban Johnson springing this story about starting

a home for aged ball players when the American association is still doing business?

If Chic Brown and Battling Kunz don't stop talking in New York they may not be considered for the star bout of the East End A. C. boxing show, which will be held at the Casino, February 8. Both want too much money. Matchmaker Hatfield is considering a bout between Hugh Ross and George Chip, the slugger, who was seen here twice last season. Terry Lee, who acts as manager for Ross, is willing to sign if Chip will agree to make 156 pounds.

Many local enthusiasts left on late afternoon trains today for New York to witness Young McAuliffe's debut in New York. He will meet Battling Reddy tonight before the Fairmont A. C. This will be the star bout of 10 rounds. If McAuliffe wins he will get a match with Knockout Eggers at the same club in the near future.

Three men are said to be in the lead for the job of coaching the Colgate football squad. They are Sol Metzger of Washington & Jefferson, "Lone Star" Dietz from the Pacific Coast and Spears, the old Dartmouth guard. Larry Bankhart has declared he won't return. His successor will have a hard time living up to Bankhart's record.

Hardly a day passes without some new candidate for manager of the Bridgeport baseball club bobbing up. Ed Walsh, the Meriden boy, who won fame and fortune as pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, is the latest on the list. Walsh has received many offers from minor league clubs but might prefer this city because it is nearer his home.

WANTS DARCY TO MEET GIBBONS IN 25 ROUND BOUT

New York, Jan. 20.—Les Darcy and Mike Gibbons over a 25-round route at Tia Juana for the middleweight championship of the world. That is James W. Coffroth's plan, and the California promoter intends to outbid all rivals if Darcy will agree to fight Gibbons for the title. Coffroth, master builder of championship matches, has been hankering for a chance to go back to his first love. If Darcy and Gibbons accept Coffroth's offer he will build an arena for the purpose on the Tia Juana track.

Darcy has not expressed a very great desire to meet Gibbons as yet. Gibbons is one of the men he must eliminate before he can clear up the question of the title, but Darcy prefers to box McCoy or Levinsky first. He feels so sure of beating either one of them that he is storing the Gibbons affair up for a rainy day.

Darcy has a few weeks to serve as an actor, but it is doubtful whether he will see it through or not. Finally, his plunge into vaudeville has been most disastrous, not for Darcy, but for the men who have guaranteed him \$2,500 a week. There is a clause in Darcy's contract with them which says that his theatrical managers will forfeit \$5,000 if they fail to live up to their agreement to pay him that sum for 15 weeks. Darcy is likewise bound to pay them \$5,000 should he fail to live up to his agreement to see the thing through to the bitter end. Just now Darcy would gladly waive the \$5,000 if he was allowed to go scot free. He feels himself slipping in public favor and he is ready to fight, not Gibbons, perhaps, but some one whom he is sure of whipping.

HUGH DUFFY TO COACH AT HARVARD

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 20.—The appointment of Hugh Duffy, of Boston as coach of the Harvard baseball team, was announced last night by Fred W. Moore, graduate manager of the Harvard Athletic Association.

Duffy's contract with Harvard is for one year, and he succeeds to the position made vacant when Fred Mitchell assumed the management of the Chicago Cubs. Duffy's entry into the list of candidates came at practically the eleventh hour, when a contract was about to be made with Charley Dooin, former manager of the Phillies.

Duffy has been in the national pastime continuously since 1887, when he started in with the Springfield team. His batting record of .438 is one of the landmarks of the old National league. Duffy is to dispose of the Portland franchise in the New England league team and will start his duties at Harvard on February 12.

Penn Players Beat Tigers In Basketball

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 20.—The University of Pennsylvania basketball five defeated Princeton here last night, 18 to 13, in the most hotly contested game seen on the floor this season. Princeton led during the first part of the game and final outcome was in doubt until the last few minutes of play, when Pennsylvania's accuracy at caging goals and steady floor work was mainly responsible for its victory, while Princeton's shooting was of the lowest order.

RELIGION AMONG BOXERS HAS BEEN PREVALENT IN PAST

Pugilism and religion are topics not usually discussed in the same paragraph, but, all the same, there have been a number of professional boxers more or less noted for their piety. Johnny Summers, the former welterweight champion of England, is one of these. Johnny, who will be 34 years old on Sunday, attracted a lot of attention by his custom of dropping upon his knees to pray for victory just before a fight. After winning he went down on his knees to give thanks. There was one occasion in Austria when Johnny varied this performance by a fight with Al Moore, the Englishman lost on a foul, and Johnny was so infuriated that he turned on the referee and landed a healthy wallop.

Another English boxer who became noted for his piety was Bendigo, who was champion of England about the middle of the last century. Bendy was a terror of a fellow for many years, and was arrested for being drunk and disorderly numberless times. During one of his stays in jail he was converted, and after his release he turned evangelist, a la Billy Sunday, and devoted the remainder of his life to preaching. Nobody took his religion very seriously, but for some years he was almost as big an attraction as the modern "baseball evangelist."

Another fighter who turned preacher was Ben Hogan, who died recently in Chicago at the age of 87. Ben was quite a scrapper until he came under the influence of Moody, and he then turned preacher. After a time he decided that practical work for the down-and-outers was better than preaching, and he opened in Chicago the humane mission called "Hogan's Flop," where beds were provided at two cents a night, and thousands of human derelicts were fed and sheltered.

Kid McCoy was brought up to be a preacher, but, although he has lectured on "new thought," he has never been a bona fide parson, although he has been "most everything else. Johnny Summers isn't the only man who ever prayed for victory in a sporting event. Last fall the captain of the Milliken university football eleven, in Illinois, asserted that his men had won the conference championship by praying at critical points in all games.

MIDDLE WEST IS AFTER GOLF MEET

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Confidence that the 1917 western amateur golf championship tournament would be held in the middle west was expressed today by representatives of many of the clubs affiliated with the Western Golf association, which is to hold its annual meeting here tonight. It was asserted that because of the distance many golfers from the central western states did not participate in last year's tournament, in Del Monte, Cal. The Country club of Detroit and the Midlothian country club of Chicago have extended invitations for this year's contest.

The western open championship, also to be awarded tonight, probably will go either to the Town & Country club of St. Paul or the Westmoreland Country club of Chicago. Several Chicago clubs have made bids for the women's western championships.

Joseph Cassidy, formerly borough president of Queens, who was convicted of bribery in selling to William Willet, Jr., the Democratic nomination for justice of the supreme court, received a pardon from Governor Whitman, restoring his citizenship.